BY MESSRS. H. KRISHNAMURTHIACHAR,—(Mulbagal Municipality) and K. SHAMA RAO,—(Mulbagal Taluk).

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to state whether certain discrepancies which have occurred in the financial dealings of the Mulbagal Municipality have come to the notice of Government? If so, what action has been taken?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—11. Yes. Government have passed orders on the irregularities brought to their notice.

BY MESSRS. H. KRISHNAMURTHIACHAR,—(Mulbagal Municipality) and K. SHAMA RAO,—(Mulbagal Taluk).

Q.—12. Who was the Polling Officer at the time when the Municipal elections were held three years ago? Was he not one of the candidates for election? Can such a candidate be appointed also as a Polling Officer? Was this fact brought to the notice of Government? If so, how was it disposed of?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—12. The report received from the Deputy Commissioner shows that the previous Vice-President who was himself a candidate for election of Councillors acted as a Polling Officer and conducted the election. The matter was brought to the notice of Government. The Vice-President seems to have acted as a Polling Officer and conducted the election under the directions of the President who was away from the station and who had power under the rules to appoint a Polling Officer.

As the complaint did not proceed from persons who competed at the election and as no corrupt practice as defined in the rules was apparent from the proceedings, the election was approved.

Supplementary questions.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—

With reference to Q. 12, will Government be pleased ot say whether a candidate at a municipal election can be a Pol-

ling Officer also, as the same has not been referred to in the reply of Government?

First Member.—

That is a legal question which Government are not prepared to answer.

BY MR. S. HAMPIAH—Special Interests (Sidlaghatta).

Q.—13. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) If they are aware that applicants for loans for sericulture in accordance with G. O. No. 5065—A. I. 147-14-3, dated 25th May 1915, are put to trouble for want of sufficient allotment?

(*b*) How many applications for loans have been received since 1915? How many of them were sanctioned? What is the amount granted in all? How many applications are pending disposal and why? Details may kindly be furnished districtwar.

(*c*) What is the budget allotment for loans this year? Can the amount allotted be placed at the disposal of the Head of the Department? If it cannot be so placed, can Government make arrangements to entrust the funds to some other officer so that applicants can have facilities for early sanction of the loans?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—13. (*a*) No.

(*b*)

District	Number of applications received	Number of applications disposed of	Pending	Amount sanctioned
				Rs.
Mysore	26	22	4	950
Bangalore	30	20	10	1,750
Tumkur	33	18	15	2,710
Kolar	60	35	25	6,250
Kadur	15	5	10	1,500
Hassan	25	13	12	1,350
Chitaldrug ...	...	...	...	...
Shimoga	...	...	...	...
Total ...	189	113	76	14,510